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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Luncheon Visit by Senator Symington, Acting Chairman,  
Senate Armed Services Committee, to Headquarters

25X1 1. Senator Symington, Acting Chairman, Senate Armed Services Committee, accompanied by his General Counsel, James Woolsey, visited the Agency for luncheon today at the invitation of Mr. Colby. Present at the luncheon and the discussion that followed were: Mr. Colby; General Walters; [redacted] Carl Duckett, DDS&T; William Nelson, DDO; and the undersigned.

2. Senator Symington stated his position on a number of points which he has covered with many of us on previous occasions such as his guns and butter position, his distrust of the military, and the fact that Admiral Zumwalt is probably one of the most active and effective lobbyists on Capitol Hill. The following additional points were covered:

a. Symington strongly advised Colby to maintain the Agency's independence (without this we have no reason for existing).

b. Symington approved of Colby's tentative thinking about changes in the estimating process.

c. The Senator said he favors limited Agency involvement in net estimating as it was described by Duckett.

d. Symington took [redacted] to task on his magazine article on the estimating process, but [redacted] defended his position in good fashion and seemed to gain Symington's approval of him, if not his article.

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e. Symington said we should get out of our relationship with the [ ] -that we should let RFE and RL handle anything that had to be covered in this fashion. He said it wasn't worth [ ] to incur the wrath of Senator Fulbright for whom Symington obviously has great admiration.

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3. Following the luncheon session Mr. Colby showed the Senator the NSCIDs he had asked to see. Symington did not read them but said he would like Woolsey to go over them. We are making arrangements for him to read them in my office.

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Acting Legislative Counsel

Distribution:

Orig. - Subj.

- 1 - Mr. Colby
- 1 - Gen. Walters

- [ ]
- 1 - Mr. Duckett
  - 1 - Mr. Nelson
  - 1 - ER
  - 1 - IC (13 Sep) (also 26 Sep)

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